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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2006 setting a three-month period to respond. The response is being timely filed within three months of the mailing date of the office Action. It is believed this response places the claims in position for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.